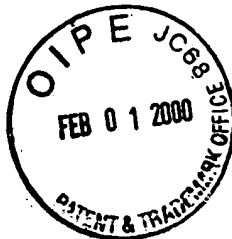


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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO-1449 (13 pages with 202 attached references); and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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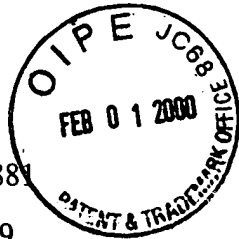
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A copy of document **AA11** (Polansky et al., "Human trabecular meshwork inducible glucocorticoid response protein mRNA" Abstract, 1997) was previously submitted in Applicants' 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority Application No. **08/938,669**, filed **September 26, 1997**.

The Examiner is also referred to the following list of related, co-pending patent applications:

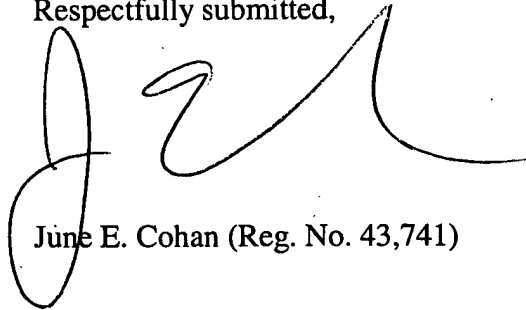
Appl. No. 08/938,669, filed September 26, 1997; and

Appl. No. 08/791,154, filed January 28, 1997.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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